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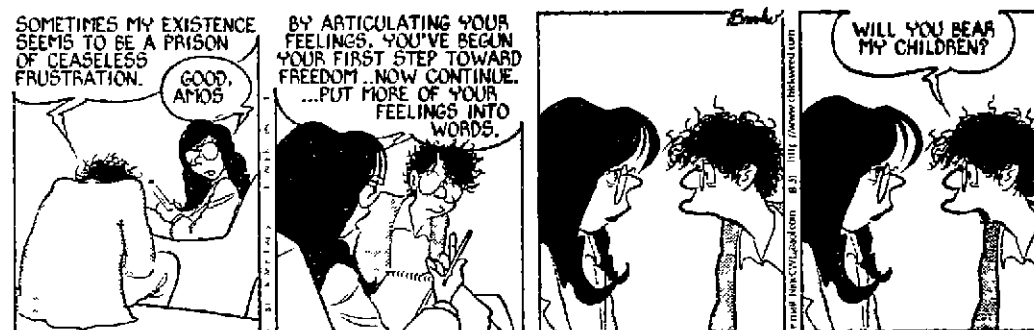
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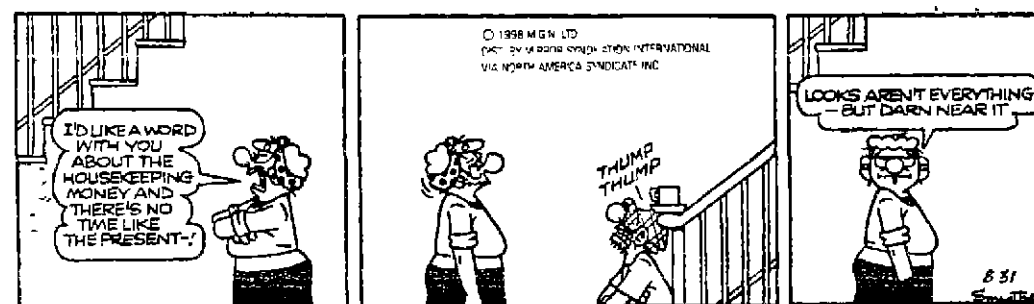
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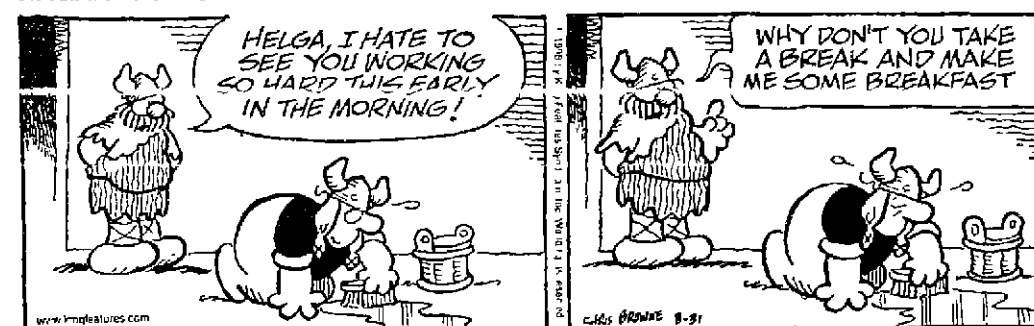
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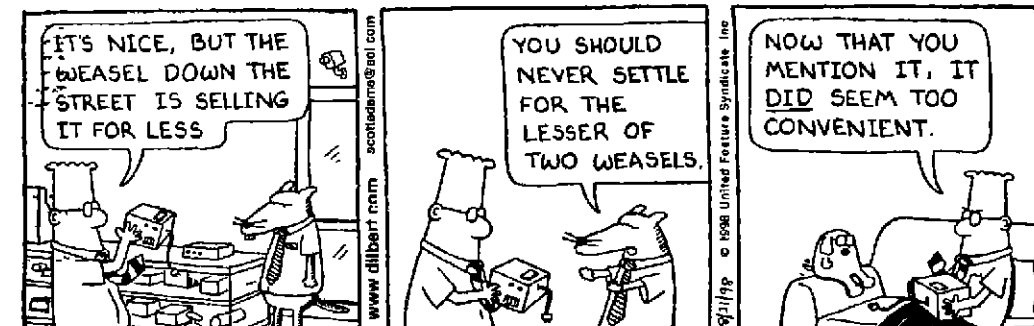
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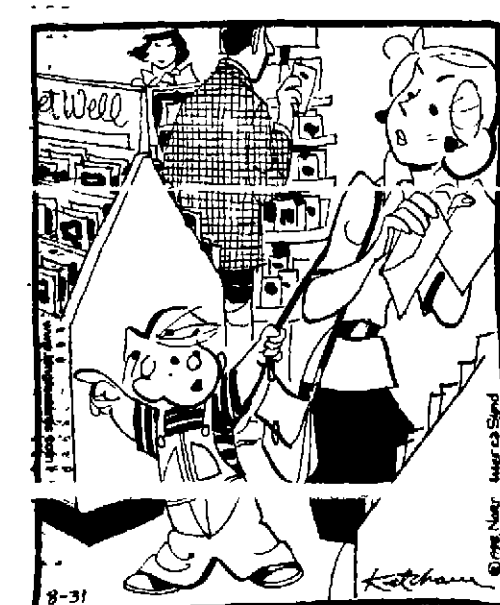
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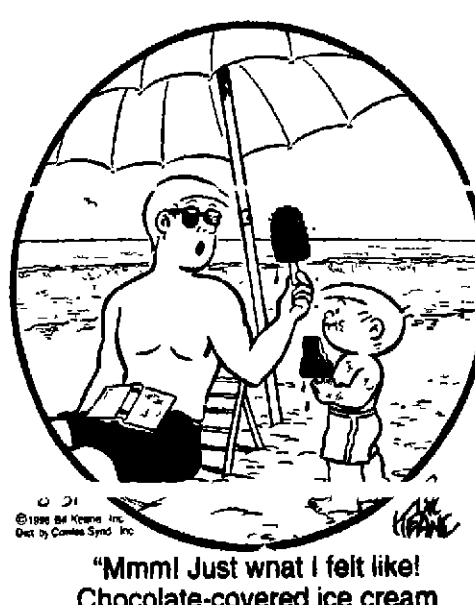
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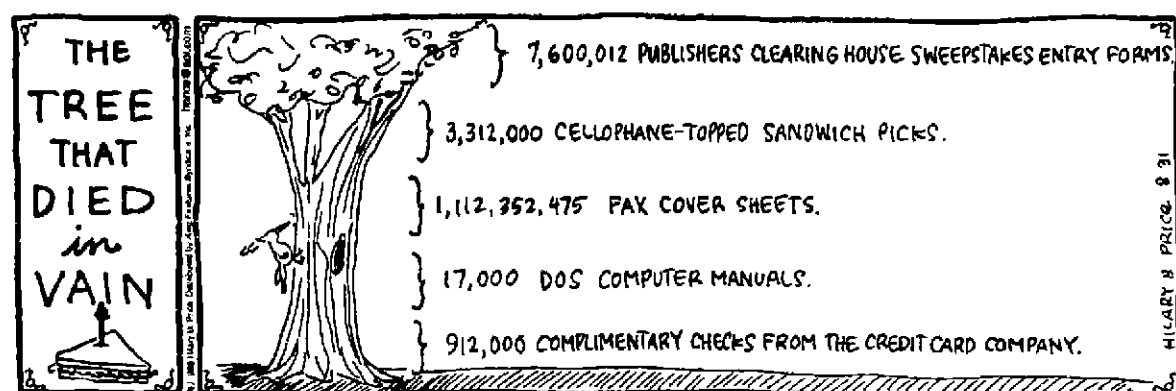
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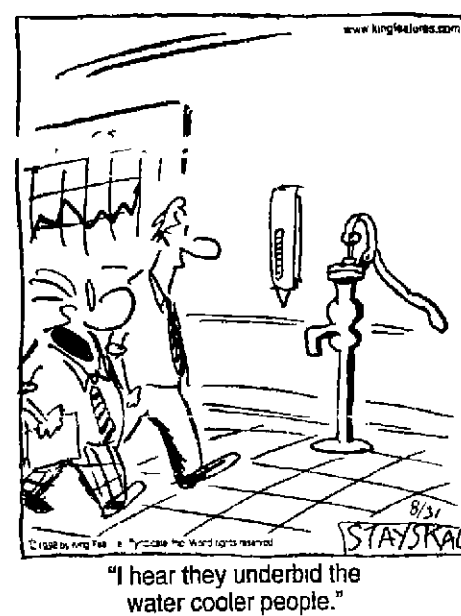
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

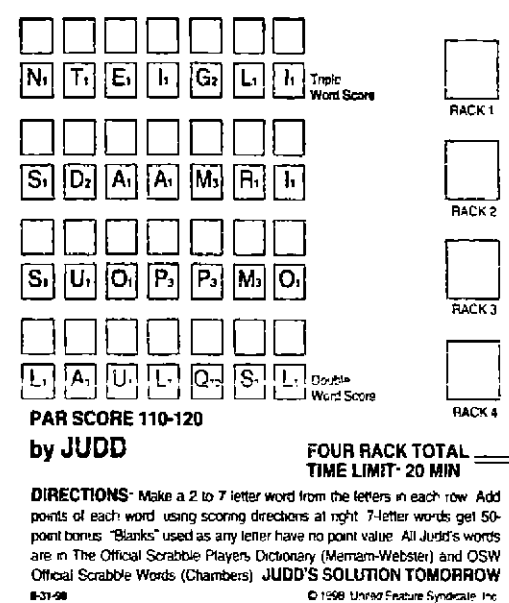
Broadcast journalist **Daniel Schorr** is 82. Comedian

74. Actor **James Coburn** is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer **Frank Robinson** is 63. Violinist **Izhak Perlman** is 53. Singer **Van Morrison** is 53. Actor **Richard Gere** is 49. Rock singer **Glenn Tilbrook** (Squeeze) is 41. Rock musician **Gina Schock** (The Go-Go's) is 41. Singer **Tony De-Franco** (The De-Franco Family) is 39. Singer-actress **Debbie Gibson** is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Places with "land"

E X V T Q O M J H G F C A Y W
U R P N L J D N A L T R O P H
F D B D Z X V R T R Q M O K
I H F D N C L E V E L A N D D
D B J D N A L G N E F R Z N N
Y W U D N A L E R I V Y A A A
T R T D P A L K N Q O L N L L
L K L L I H L L A F T A D I D
D N A L H S A E O O C N A A I
Z N N X W N V U C H S D R H M
D Q D O D N M S K I J I H T F

Saturday's unlisted clue: CARTOON

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue: OREGON'S LARGEST CITY

Ashland Garland Jutland Oakland
Cleveland Holland Lapland Scotland
England Iceland Maryland Thailand
Finland Ireland Midland

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your career or favorite pastime might pose a challenge you're not ready to face.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Suddenly you're everybody's darling. Soak up this special treatment while it lasts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have the odd sensation that people around you are questioning your abilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Pressures from all aspects of your life are forcing you to make quick decisions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Even a rubber chicken or a Marx Brothers movie might not be able to raise your spirits today. This funk will pass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) The emotion or will of others might feel imposing to you, so be prepared to turn to your inner strength and sense of self.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Family gatherings or large events might strain the relationship between you and your partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your communication skills are very effective at the moment, so tell someone how you really feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Financial matters have stepped into the forefront, and for the better. Don't run out and purchase every new appliance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't run yourself ragged, but you'll find an excellent opportunity to push through your objectives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) People will begin to recognize the effort you've been making, and you'll be rewarded accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Tie a red balloon to your wrist to keep you apart from the crowd and hovering slightly above it.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolf

Logic tells declarer it's best to look for winners in his side's most solid suit. In today's game, common sense should steer him to another path. Given the bidding, how would you plan the play of South's no-trump game?

West leads the heart jack to dummy's queen, and South sees problems ahead. Can he afford to set up the solid spades instead of attacking the porous minors? If he leads spades, he has paid little heed to the bidding. As it is obvious West has a heart suit headed by the A-J-10, what are the chances of his holding the spade ace? Most likely, none, so another ace he would have overcalled. Therefore, common sense should steer him away from spades and a speedy one-trick set. Instead, South should play the minors. But he must use care. At trick two, he should lead a diamond to his 10 for a winning finesse. Next he returns to dummy's diamond ace and switches to clubs. He leads dummy's queen, and when East doesn't cover, South unloads his jack. When the finesse wins, South repeats the finesse, running dummy's club 10. East correctly refuses to cover, and South switches back to diamonds. With three club winners ensured, South takes the proven finesse against East's diamond queen, netting him a shaky nine winners. Was South lucky to find East with both minor-suit honors? Yes he was. However, because East was marked with the spade ace, South's only reasonable chance was to hope East also held the club king and the diamond queen.

NORTH 68 31 A
♦ K Q 10 9 8
♥ Q
♦ A 7 5
♣ Q 10 9 8

WEST 76 32
♥ A J 10 8 5
♦ 3
♣ A 3 2

EAST A 5
♥ A 5
♦ A 5
♣ K 7 5

SOUTH J 4
♥ J 4
♦ K J 10 8 4
♣ A J 6

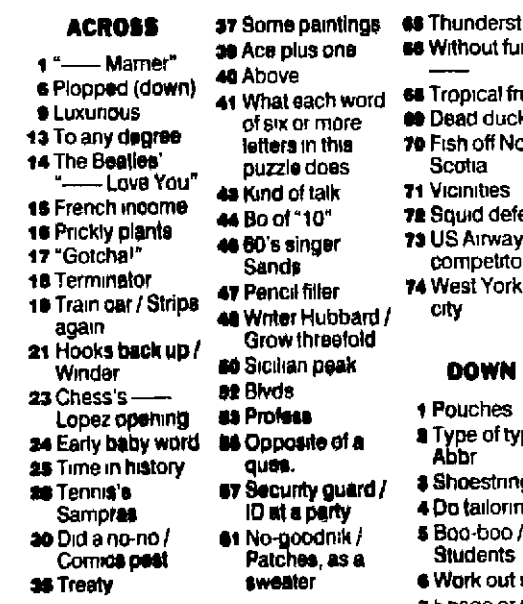
Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart jack

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ASSASSINS DAKAR
BUNCHEDUP EXILE
BROCHETTE PINTA
ERR PACE OKED
SEEDS GAD SNARE
SYSOPS SIGH JAR
FIT BEERO ONS
DAFTEN ROTOUT

SYR UTER SUDPAR
CLASP NEW TERSE
HINT AGAL OSA
EGGON PAPERCLIP
CHINESE PATATHIRE
CHINESE PATATHIRE

27 Sour
29 Scrabble
30 Simon or Diamond
31 Art subjects
32 Brillance
34 Scout's good word
36 Genealogy display
38 Roasting rod
40 French legislature
42 "Someone" guy / Comment

43 Southern power provider: Abbr.
44 "20 Questions" category / Layer
46 Put into effect
48 Entangle
49 1958 musical
50 "Mr. X"
51 Desert Storm vehicle
52 She sheep
53 Fizzy drink
54 On bended —
55 "Holy moly!"
56 Supreme Diana
57 — Jones

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